

MOM	momentaneous auxiliary
n.	noun
NEG	negation
n1s	non-first person singular
ns	non-singular
num.	numeral
NPT	non-preterite
OPT	optative
obs.	obscene
p	plural
P	patient of a transitive verb
PER	perseverative auxiliary
pf.	prefixal slot
PFG	perfect gerund
PP	passive participle
PRB	probability participle
PRG	present gerund
pron.	pronoun
PT	preterite
Q	question particle
REP	reported speech particle
s	singular
sf.	suffixal slot
SUB	subordinating suffix
SUP	supine
∑	verb stem
TEL	telic auxiliary
TOP	topic
UP	upward auxiliary
VOC	vocative case
vi	intransitive verb
vr	reflexive verb
vt	transitive verb
[]	phonetic transcription
//	phonemic transcription
-	morpheme boundary
<>	morpheme/allomorph
→	indicates the direction of a transitive relationship
~	alternates with
(3→3) ^{ns}	indicates a transitive relationship between a third person agent and a third person patient, in which at least one agent is non-singular

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

Gerard Tolsma is to be congratulated for this fundamental contribution to linguistics and to the Kulung people. The Kulung community in Nepal has long awaited the appearance of this grammar. Scholars of the Kulung community even actively assisted in its completion. In February 1998, Bhupa Dhoj Thomros and Yam Bahadur Kulung sent to the author and the Himalayan Languages Project in Leiden a meticulous thirty-page handwritten list of corrigenda, suggestions and alternative analyses, based on an earlier draft of the present grammar. Most emendations proposed by these Kulung scholars were incorporated by the author into the 1999 draft of the grammar. The contribution of the two Kulung scholars has been archived in Leiden for future reference by Kiranti scholars together with a description of Kulung rituals by Tolsma that is more detailed than the account provided in this grammar.

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